

# Welcome to the



a congregation of the  
Church of Scotland International Presbytery.

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## FAMILY WORSHIP for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in



*A Joint Service with the Hope International Baptist Church*

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### Daily Bible Readings

Monday, December 24: Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Tuesday, December 25: Psalm 97; Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:8-20

Wednesday, December 26: Ps 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

Thursday, December 27: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24

Friday, December 28: Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7

Saturday, December 29: Ps 147:12-20; 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 1 Cor 3:10-17

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**Order of Service for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
2018**

## Order of Service for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

### *Call to Worship (congregational lines in bold)*

The Lord says, "Bethlehem Ephratha,  
you are one of the smallest towns in Judah,  
but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel,  
whose family line goes back to ancient times."

**So the Lord will abandon his people to their enemies  
until the woman who is to give birth has her son.**

Then his fellow-countrymen who are in exile  
will be reunited with their own people.

**When he comes he will rule his people  
with the strength that comes from the Lord  
and with the majesty of the Lord God himself.**

His people will live in safety because people all over the  
earth will acknowledge his greatness, and he will bring  
peace.

### *Welcome and Prayer of Approach*

**Hymn 310: See him lying on a bed of  
straw**



*Lighting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle  
- the Mary Candle*

**Hymn 282 'Christmas is coming',  
the Church is glad to sing**  
(v.1-4)

Children's Message **Christmas is a party**

**Hymn 321: Come and Join the celebration**

Chorus:

Come and join the celebration,

it's a very special day;  
come and share our jubilation,  
there's a new King born today!

1. See the shepherds  
hurry down to Bethlehem  
gaze in wonder  
at the Son of God who lay before them.

(Repeat Chorus)

2. Wise men journey,  
led to worship by a star;  
kneel in homage  
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

(Repeat Chorus)

3. 'God is with us,'  
round the world the message bring;  
He is with us,  
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are pealing.

(Repeat Chorus)

Reflection on Today's Candle

**Hymn 286: Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord**

*Prayer of Confession - Elder - and The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

**Hymn 475: Christ is coming!** (Tune: Regent Square, No.110)

**Readings: Hebrews 10: 5 - 10** (p. 1208)  
*Esther Ofori-Otoo, Hope International Baptist Church*

**Luke 1: 39 – 45** (p. 1026)  
*Esther Abang, Scots International Church*

Reflection by Rev Dr Richmond Ofori-Tawiah on the  
Hebrews reading

**Hymn 291: When out of poverty is born**

Reflection by Rev Derek Lawson on the Gospel reading

**Hymn: 315 Once in royal David's city**

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

*Church News*

*Prayer for Others - Lolly Raja (Hope International)*

## MP 489: O come and join the dance

*Benediction and 3-fold Amen*

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### **Christmas Services**

**Tonight** at 7.30 - Service of Lessons & Carols  
(preceded by Christmas Tea from 5.30pm)

**Tomorrow** at 7.00pm - Family Christingle Service  
Then on **Christmas Day** we celebrate Christ's birth  
at 10.30am with a short Family Service.

**Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch**  
**after the Service on Sunday 6 January**

### **Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)  
For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

### **What's on the agenda?**

Tonight		19h30	Service of Lessons & Carols (Christmas Tea at 17h30)
Monday	24 Dec	19h00	Christingle Service
Tuesday	25 Dec	10h30	Celebrate Christmas Day!
Sunday	30 Dec	10h30	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

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## **For the beamer**

### **Church news announced by the Elder 23.12.18**

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it for our activities over the coming weeks and follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front.

Many thanks for those who assisted to organize the Christmas Party for the Children last Sunday afternoon. They were pulled in at the last moment as the main organizer suddenly had to travel abroad. The children were few, but they enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Christmas Services information can be found in this Order of Service on our website and on the posters in the Lower hall.

Take some of the flyers home and invite friends or neighbours.

I specially recommend the festive Family Christingle Service on 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve, which starts earlier than usual at 7.00 pm and is a short Service, to encourage you to bring your children.

If you didn't hear these announcements correctly, find them on the notice board with a copy to take away.